

**Stewards Report
Scone Race Club
SCONE RACECOURSE**

Friday 26th June 2020

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5)

Rail: 3 metres 800 metres to winning post

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), J Marshall, D Carr & K Blanch (Trainee).

Riding Changes:

Nil

Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1100m

Cochys – began awkwardly and was slow away.

Dontforgetmonica – raced ungenerously during the early stages.

Areya Tuchuzy – hung out rounding the home turn and when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Sky Lab – slow to begin, then hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Deeling Us In – was hampered and had to be eased and shifted out near the 150m.

Race 2: Maiden Plate 1000m

Megalodon – was bumped and became unbalanced shortly after the start.

Scatman – was hampered and carried wider passing the 300m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Toto – slow to begin.

Miss Dubleo Seven – slow to begin.

Race 3: Maiden Plate 1400m

Bard's Voice – slow to begin.

Right Bower – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Treble Clef – when questioned B Stower explained that her mount failed to travel at any stage, then hung in and was unresponsive when placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Bon Ruby – began awkwardly.

Tariff Trump – when questioned in relation to his ride in the early stages, C Gallagher explained that he had been instructed to obtain cover in the early stages and in attempting to achieve this His mount over raced and after being wide he restrained to a position behind midfield. He said that after this the filly continued to pull hard, would not settle and could not maintain cover. Trainer Mr. J Bowen confirmed the instructions and despite acknowledging that he was unsure how much early pace the race contained he stated that, Tariff Trump was best suited by being ridden quietly in the early stages.

Race 4: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1600m

Manseneta – slow to begin, then hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Race 5: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1600m

Mumentum – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Bandahara – when questioned in relation to his ride between the 800m and the 300m, B Looker explained that although his mount wasn't travelling strongly passing the 600m he attempted to maintain a position behind Salsa Dreaming, however the gelding could not quicken and hung in. he said that after entering the home straight Bandahara continued to hang in and despite there being clear running in front of him, he was not travelling well and he attempted to shift out to allow Bandahara more room, in an attempt to make it race more genuinely. He added that he did not gain a full response to his urgings until the concluding stages.

Zagaya – over raced for some distance in the middle stages.

Big Roy – trainer Mr. B Ostini was advised that a warning for poor performance would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

Race 6: Class 3 Handicap 1400m

Mr Plow – when questioned in relation to his ride in the early stages, J Hull explained that he had been instructed to ride without vigour in the early stages in an effort to obtain cover from the wide barrier and prevent his mount from over racing. He said that when attempting to achieve this Mr Plow raced fiercely with its head up for some distance, could not be properly restrained and raced wide without cover. Trainer Mr. T Bartley confirmed the instructions, however expressed a view that when Mr Plow began to race fiercely, more initiative should have been shown to allow the gelding to stride more freely. He said that he intended to experiment with Mr Plow's racing gear including the removal of winkers and Norton Bit and instruct whoever rode the gelding at its next race start, to lead.

Schemer – slow to begin, then had to be steadied when momentarily crowded near the 1200m and over raced for some distance thereafter.

Lights Of Uluru – slow to begin.

Danebrook – when questioned R Thomson explained that his mount raced ungenerously throughout, hung in and was difficult to ride. He stated that in his opinion the gelding would benefit from being freshened. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mrs. S Grills said that Danebrook would be spelled.

Danspur – slow to begin, then raced in restricted room inside the 100m and went to the finish without being fully tested.

Race 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m

Derge – had to be checked when racing ungenerously in restricted room passing the 600m.

Leshem – the rider L Cumberland pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii), stating that he struck his mount with the whip on ten occasions prior to the 100m. L Cumberland's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence 6/7/20 and expire 10/7/20, on which day he may ride. When assessing penalty, mitigation was applied to allow for the race meetings encompassed, which included two feature days of the Grafton racing carnival.

Cash Factor – raced in restricted room approaching the home turn, then had to be eased and shifted out near the 300m when unable to maintain a tight run along the running rail, before being eased and shifted in to continue to go forward during the concluding stages.

Race 8: Open Handicap 1100m

Trainer Mrs. S Grills was fined \$100 (LR35), for failing to declare G Buckley as the rider of Under The Thumb by the prescribed time.

Under The Thumb – when questioned G Buckley explained that his mount travelled strongly during the early and middle stages, however when pressured inside the 250m it failed to handle the soft track condition, was unbalanced and weakened quickly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Drachenfels – slow to begin.

Good Time Charlie – hung in throughout and was difficult to ride.

Sea Lady – missed the start (2L).

Summary of whip use

Race 1: M Bell – Yulong Base L Cumberland – Cecilia A Denby – Areya Tuchuzy C O'Brien – Sky Lab	6 strikes prior to the 100m 8 strikes prior to the 100m 6 strikes prior to the 100m 6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2: M Bell – Golden Missile	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 4: G Buckley – Avalene	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5: M Bell – Deepwood Vale	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6: M Bell – Shamusu Sho G Buckley – Lights Of Uluru	6 strikes prior to the 100m 8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 7: R Simpson – The First Of May L Cumberland – Leshem	6 strikes prior to the 100m 10 strikes prior to the 100m – suspended – 6/7 until 10/7

Considering the totality of use, no action was taken.

General: Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Don'tforgetmonica, Deeling Us In, FullyLoadedfilly & Aquilla Skye.**

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 8: S Grills - \$100 LR35 fail to declare rider
Suspensions	Race 7: L Cumberland – AR132(7)(a)(ii) – whip use – 6/7/20 until 10/7/20 (can ride)

Reprimands	Nil
Warnings	Race 5: Big Roy – poor performance
Trials	Nil
Bleeders	Nil
Falls and Injury	Nil
Certificates	Nil
Tactics notified	Race 5: St Luke – to be ridden forward – settled behind midfield